

FIFTEEN THOUSAND BREEDING FISH DIED AT THE PLEASANT MOUNT HATCHERY!

IF RAIN DOES NOT COME SOON THE ENTIRE STOCK OF FISH WILL BE LOST.

PLEASANT MOUNT, Pa., Dec. 10.—The rain of the early week and the snow of last week have not done much towards replenishing the springs and streams of North-eastern Pennsylvania.

At the Wayne Fish Hatchery, which lies in the upper valley of the Lackawaxen creek, just over the first hill from this village towards the Ontario and Western railroad, the conditions have been and still are alarmingly serious.

On October 8th, Commissioner W. E. Meehan made a visit of inspection of the conditions at the Wayne hatchery. He decided to at once put down an artesian well for the purpose of supplying water to the trout ponds to prevent the loss by death of the breeding trout.

Many improvements have been made at the hatchery the past season by enlarging the original building, which was 20x60 feet, until now its dimensions are 72x85 feet, all under one roof.

In the spring of 1910 the work of beautifying the grounds will begin. On the square plot midway between the bass pond and the line of brooding ponds a fountain will be erected. This will be of concrete, thirty feet in diameter, with a circular bottom.

At the extreme north end of the grounds a concrete dam has been built to turn the water into the Hatchery grounds to supply the ponds, through a concrete inlet, the water passing from pond to pond.

The creek from the concrete dam to the southern extremity of the Hatchery grounds will be of a uniform width of twenty-two feet, with concrete walls on either side to protect the embankments.

A perch pond is also being constructed which, when completed will cover one and one-half acres, the greatest depth being fourteen feet, the shoalest portion four feet, making an average depth of nine feet.

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have been built and over four acres in ponds, all for lake trout. These trout will be planted mostly in Wayne and Susquehanna county lakes. At Conneaut Lake, a large bass pond has been built. It is nearly two acres in size.

The expense of running a hatchery seems large, but one accustomed to seeing it from day to day will wonder how it can be run at so small a margin.

Much criticism has been made in regard to the way hatcheries are conducted. The writer has often heard it said that it was a snap to hold a government position as an employe at a fish hatchery.

Halley's comet is now visible to the naked eye for the first time since its disappearance 75 years ago. This celestial wanderer is rushing through space towards the earth at a rate of a million miles a day.

The comet was at its aphelion, or point farthest from the sun, in 1874. It passed within the orbit of Neptune about 1895, past the course of Uranus in 1903, of Saturn in 1908, and of Jupiter this year.

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FARMERS WILL HELP

Accurate Accounts of Operations for Year an Important Part of Census Inquiry.

The thirteenth general census of the United States will be taken, beginning April 15, 1910. By preparing an accurate account of his farm operations during the year ending December 31, 1909, of all his farm possessions, the farmers of the country can render the census bureau and the public at large an inestimable service.

It was not to be expected that farmers will ever keep as complete accounts as do manufacturers and merchants. The fact that a large part of his daily bread is supplied from his own farm, instead of being purchased out of cash on hands, naturally causes the farmer to place an uncertain value on the products consumed in his home.

Nevertheless, a constantly increasing number of farmers are keeping accurate records of their daily receipts and expenses and of the exact quantities of all classes of products grown or raised on their farms.

In order that the great majority of farmers who do not ordinarily keep book records of these farm operations may be given an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the scope of the census to be taken next April, an outline of the schedule has been prepared.

Personal information regarding the farmer.

General information regarding farm acreage, values and expenses.

A statement of the acreage, yield and value of all farm crops harvested in 1909, and all animal products that is, dairy products, eggs, live stock sold, etc.

An inventory of all live stock, including poultry and bees, on hand April 15, 1910.

By obtaining the ages of farmers the census will be able to classify farm property by age periods of the operators and thus show what proportion of all farm wealth is controlled by farmers under 25 years of age, between 45 and 50 years of age, or for any other age period.

The question of tenure, from many standpoints, is one of the most interesting on the schedule.

Each farm operator will be required to state the total number of acres in his farm, and also the number of acres of improved land.

Statements will be required of the value of all land, buildings, implements and machinery. It should be born in mind that the figures, desired are the values on April 15, 1910, and should be determined by carefully estimating the amounts that could be realized from sales under average conditions.

Inquiry will be made for the total amount expended for farm labor in 1909, exclusive of expenditures for housework.

A new question in farm census investigations calls for the amount paid in 1909 for hay, grain and other articles not raised on the farm, but purchased for feed and domestic animals and poultry.

Four facts are required to be ascertained regarding each principal crop grown on the farm in 1909. The number of acres harvested, the quantity produced, the value of the product, and the number of acres sown or planted or to be sown or planted for harvest in 1910.

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ber raised may be substituted for the number brought forth when such number alone is known.

Farmers owning pure-bred animals that are registered or eligible for register may be asked to report the number of each kind, giving in each case the name of the breed. It is also probable that an inquiry will be made regarding the number of cows that were regularly milked for more than three months during 1909.

STAR GAZING.

The Study of the Constellations as a Pastime.

Probably every reader has often admired the beauty of a starlight night. A little careful observation on such a night will show that the brighter stars may be divided into groups or "constellations," as the astronomers call them, most of which are known by the names of animals or legendary persons, such for example as "the Great Bear," "the Swan," "Hercules," "Andromeda," etc.

Now, if the budding astronomer will notice the position of any of these groups or constellations at a particular hour of any night and then look a few hours afterwards he will see that during the interval the stars which appeared low down in the east have risen to the south in a somewhat similar manner to the apparent motion of the sun and moon, while closer attention on several evenings will show a circular or rotary movement around the north pole of the heavens, the motion being the opposite way to the hands of a clock.

Near the north pole is a bright star called the "Pole star." This star is easily found when the observer has once noted the seven bright stars of the "Great Bear," the two outer stars of the four forming the "square" known as the "pointers" point almost directly at the Polar star.

Courtship in Church.

A young gentleman happening to sit in church in a pew adjoining one in which sat a young lady for whom he conceived a sudden and violent passion, was desirous of entering into a courtship on the spot; but the place not suiting a formal declaration, the exigency of the case suggested the following plan: He politely handed his fair neighbor a Bible (open) with a pin stuck in the following text: Second Epistle of John, verse fifth—"And now I beseech thee lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we owe one another."

The Cigarette Smoker.

Elbert Hubbard isn't the best authority in the world on all subjects, but he is unquestionably correct in pronouncing against the use of cigarettes, especially by the young. In a late number of the Philistine he says: "As a close observer and employer of labor for over twenty-five years, I give you this: Never advance the pay of a cigarette smoker; never promote him; never trust him to carry a roll to Garcia, unless you do not care for Garcia and are willing to lose the roll."

Science as Evidence.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 10.—A moving picture of the assassination of Prince Ito at Harbin is to be used in the trial of the Korean assassin, according to advices brought by the steamer Kaga Maru to-day.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK

HONESDALE, WAYNE COUNTY, PA. At the close of business, Nov. 15, 1909.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE WAYNE COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

HONESDALE, WAYNE CO., PA. At the close of business, Nov. 6, 1909.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Reserve Fund, Cash, Specie and Notes, Legal Securities, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc.

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